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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant submits the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, lines 6-7 with the following rewritten paragraph.

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Figure 8. Figure 8 depicts the structure of complementary bases forming base pairs and complementary bases which do not form base pairs.

Remarks

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted with copies of Formal Drawings for this case. The Preliminary Amendment amends the description of Figure 8 to refer to a single Figure 8, since panels A and B in the originally filed Figure 8 have been omitted and combined.